

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18572

The purpose of this legislation is to remove two exemptions in Idaho's Child Safety Seat Statute. The first exemption does not require restraints for children if all restraints are utilized. This language assures protection for adults but leaves children unprotected. The second exemption allows a child to be removed from his or her safety restraint for virtually any reason so long as it is to accommodate the child's "physiological needs." This term is undefined and extremely broad. This loophole makes enforcement nearly impossible for law enforcement, prosecution and judges.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation would have a positive fiscal impact; these exemptions prevent the state of Idaho from receiving Federal monies which are used in public awareness and education.

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